

ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SOCIETY

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MINUTES



OF THE

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Bethel Baptist Association,

HELD WITH



NANAFALIA CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY, ALA.,

SEPTEMBER 29th, 1899.

OFFICERS.

D. J. MEADOR, Moderator Myrtlewood, Ala.
LAMAR MATKIN, Clerk Linden, Ala.
W. K. THOMAS, Treasurer Nanafalia, Ala.

*The next session will be held with Catherine Church, Wilcox
County, Ala., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on Fri-
day before the 4th Sabbath in Sept., 1900.*



MINUTES.

The Seventy-ninth Annual session of the Bethel Baptist Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday, Sept. 29th, 1899, at Nanafalia, with the Nanafalia Church, Marengo county, Alabama, and was called to order by former Moderator, Elder J. T. Caine, who read the second chapter of Phil., and offered prayer.

Lamar Matkin elected Temporary Clerk, owing to absence of former clerk.

Hon. D. J. Meador was elected permanent Moderator, and the temporary clerk made Permanent Clerk.

Owing to absence of regular appointee, Elder G. W. Webb, Alternate Elder J. Lee Tucker preached the introductory sermon. Text—Last verse, 3rd chap., II Peter—“But Grow in Grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Elders Hill and Sutton, of the South Bethel Association, and G. L. Anderron, of Auburn, representing the Institute Board, were recognized and welcomed among us in their respective capacities.

The following Order of Business, with an amendment that the Report of the Institute Board be inserted, was adopted :

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FRIDAY.

1. Temporary organization.
2. Introductory sermon.
3. Reading letters.
4. Permanent organization.
5. Appointment of committees to report during the session—
 - On finance.
 - On nominations, documents and requests.
 - On religious services during the session.
6. Report on religious state of the churches.
7. Report on aged and infirm ministers.
8. Report on religious periodicals.
9. Report on The Orphanage.

SATURDAY.

10. Report on Bible and colportage work.
11. Report on state missions.
12. Report on home missions.
13. Report on foreign missions.
14. Report on temperance.

SUNDAY.

15. Report on ministerial and general education.
16. Report on Sabbath Schools.
17. Report of committee on finance.
18. Report of executive committee.
19. Report of committee on nominations, documents and requests.
20. Report of treasurer.
21. Appointment of standing committees.
22. Appointment of executive committees
23. Reading minutes.
24. Adjournment.

Meet at 9:30, adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2:30, adjourn at 5:00. Fifteen minutes at opening of each session for miscellaneous business.

Suspension of Rules and adjournment. Benediction by Elder J. S. Anderson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Roden. On motion of Elder J. Lee Tucker, Bro. W. K. Thomas was elected Treasurer.

Messengers were then requested to hand in their letters and Brethren Roden and Hecker appointed to read same, and the following were enrolled as Messengers:

Aimwell—G. W. Landrum, J. S. Mayton and S. J. Mayton.
 Beaver Creek—J. T. Etheredge, J. R. Little and L. I. Little.
 Bethel—J. B. Perkins, J. A. Cammack, W. B. Jackson.
 Bethlehem—G. W. Barkley, G. D. Thomas, C. H. Miller.
 Catherine—Thos. Tucker, Joe Lambert, Eld. G. W. Webb.
 County Line—H. C. Pickard, J. M. Threadgill, J. W. Reeves.
 Linden—Lamar Matkin, J. E. Hecker, W. B. Glass.
 Mt. Pleasant—W. F. Westbrook, William McSpeed, J. W. Smith.
 Myrtlewood—D. J. Meador, J. S. Smith, J. S. Coats.
 Nanafalia—Eld. J. Lee Tucker, W. K. Thomas, J. M. Parten.
 Rehoboth—Eld. W. H. DeWitt.
 Safford—J. T. Caine, W. F. Setzler, J. M. Roden, J. M. Thomas.
 Shiloh—Wm. V. Vice, B. R. Tucker, S. P. Jackson.
 Thomaston—J. W. Buck.
 Vincent—J. I. Garrett, W. H. McKasky.

Appointment of committees to report during the session:
 Nominations, Documents and Requests—J. T. Caine,
 James Cammack and J. E. Hecker.

Finance—J. B. Perkins, W. B. Glass and John W. Buck.

Religious Services—Nanafalia Delegation with Pastor.

Committee on Religious State of Churches asked for more time in which to report, which was granted.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers, with an amendment that "Wives and Children" be added, was adopted:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

There is no report that should call forth our sympathy more than this. Those who have spent their best days in the service of the Master and are no longer able to bear the heat and burden of the day, should be provided for. Therefore your committee would recommend that a permanent fund be kept ready for this purpose. We are now of none in our Association that need our attention and help at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. JACKSON, Chairman.

Upon motion, the vote by which the above report was adopted was re-considered, and report was adopted with the following amendment:

If any money be in the treasury, otherwise unexpended, it should go to the support of Sister L. T. Daniels, wife of Elder L. T. Daniels, deceased, of Hampden.

The committee on Bible and Colportage reported that nothing had been done.

Committees on Orphanage and State Missions asked for further time in which to report, which was granted.

Upon motion of Eld. J. J. Pipkin, the regular order of business was suspended, and the Moderator appointed to select a committee, with himself as chairman, to form a new order of business and report at opening of session on tomorrow morning.

Committee on Hospitality was requested by Eld. J. J. Pipkin to make report, but said committee was absent.

The following report on Ministerial and General Education was made by Eld. J. M. Roden and discussed by same:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

Education is of great advantage to every one, no difference what his occupation may be. The merchant needs it, and must have some, at least; and the same is true of the lawyer, and other professional men; indeed, men can do little without it in any of the professions.

If education is important then, in these things, it must be of vast utility in a preacher of the gospel of the Son of God. The merchant, the lawyer, the doctor, the teacher, and others, hold honorable positions, but, is there any one on earth who holds a position of such tremendous importance as the minister of the Gospel, who deals with the problems of eternity? Many preachers are doing a grand work, who have not been trained in the schools—all honor to them—but, what might have been the result if they had received literary and theological training?

If Howard College had never done anything else but educate our preachers, it would have deserved more of our sympathy and support than it has ever received.

Happily, our differences in regard to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, have all been adjusted, and we should heartily support it.

Howard College has just been relieved of debt, and no doubt this brings joy to the heart of every loyal Baptist; it is thought now that

this school will enter upon a career of prosperity, unknown to it, in the past.

The Judson Institute is in a prosperous condition, and it is hoped that it, as well as the Howard, will receive from this Association, the support they so justly merit. We should send our sons to the Howard, and daughters to the Judson, because they are our schools.

JAMES M. RODEN, Chairman.

Committee on Hospitality then reported.

Committee on Religious Services report preaching at 8 o'clock tonight by Eld. G. S. Anderson.

Adjournment. Benediction by Eld. J. Lee Tucker.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Eld. G. L. Sutton.

Moderator stated that the committee selected to form a new order of business would suggest that the old form of business be continued with the exception that the words "Friday, Saturday and Sunday" be stricken out.

During the fifteen minutes for miscellaneous business, Eld. W. H. DeWitt presented a petitionary letter from the Lamison Baptist church for admission into this Association, which church, upon motion of Eld. Caine, as chairman of the committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests, was received, and letter from said church was then read.

Regular order of business was then taken up and Eld. J. M. Roden recognized to continue his report on Ministerial and General Education.

Said report was then discussed by Elds. W. H. DeWitt, J. J. Pipkin, G. L. Sutton, J. Lee Tucker, J. T. Caine and others.

Upon motion of Eld. J. J. Pipkin, the report on Institute Work by Eld. G. S. Anderson was had and discussed by said brother. Report (verbal) adopted. Motion made and carried to take a collection on tomorrow morning immediately after services for this work.

Report on Sabbath School Work submitted by W. B. Jackson and discussed by said brother. Further discussion deferred until afternoon session.

Adjournment till 2:30 p. m. Benediction by Eld. J. R. G. White.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2:30. Prayer by Eld. J. Lee Tucker.

Under head of Miscellaneous Business, letter from Judson church at Sweetwater was read, and W. M. Tucker, G. J. Newton and Warren Etheredge were recognized as

messengers from said church. Letter from Rembert Hills church was read by Eld. J. J. Pipkin, and L. J. Cook, A. C. Thomas and W. J. Cobb recognized as messengers. Brother W. B. Jackson then announced that the next District Convention would be held with the McKinley church on the 5th Sunday in September, 1899.

Regular order of business then taken up, and the Moderator appointed Brethren J. E. Hecker, W. K. Thomas and James Cammack as the Apportionment Committee.

Eld. Sutton made a statement that the Judson church at Sweetwater was behind financially \$90, and appealed to this Association to help them to the amount of about \$40. Request referred to the following committee: John E. Hecker, W. B. Glass and J. B. Perkins.

Report on Sabbath School Work amended, re-read and adopted as amended, to-wit:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully report that from the best information they can gain, the Sabbath School interest within our bounds is gradually improving.

In 1898, 24 churches aggregating a total membership of 1256, only 12 of these reported Sabbath Schools with a total membership of 553. This year, we find, by reference to the letters to this body, that 17 churches reported, aggregating a membership of 1075, only 14 reported Sabbath Schools, with a total of 856, demonstrating the fact that nearly two-thirds of the total membership of these churches attend the Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. JACKSON, Chairman,

The following reports were also adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The supreme motive in mission work is forging itself to the front as expressed by John in his third epistle 7th verse, "Because for his namesake they went forth." This motive dominating the heart of any individual will stir him to acts of beneficence or individual going forth.

During the past year several returned missionaries have gone back to their respective fields of labor. The Foreign Board has established work in six different nations of the earth, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan. Number of churches in all fields, 100; their membership, 5,347; their contributions toward self-support, \$7,110.20; in out stations, 140. They have 35 male missionaries and 47 female, with 87 native ordained preachers and 14 native female workers. There were baptized 845 by these missionaries. They have in Sabbath Schools 2,446, and 1,165 in day schools. Eternity alone will reveal the outcome of all this work among the heathen races of the earth. We have given the small amount of \$75.54 to touch the teeming millions of earth with the forces of Christianity. The Macedonian cry comes from the four winds of the earth, "Come over and help us." The Board has enlarged her work twenty-five per cent. Let us enlarge our contributions two hundred and fifty per cent for the next Associational year.

Your committee,

W. H. DEWITT, A. G. WESTBROOK, J. W. BUCK.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The policy of the Board has been changed. Last year six evangelists were employed in the State; this year we have only two, Bro. Sandlin in North and Bro. Preston in South Alabama. The main feature of the work is to assist weak churches, which no doubt will result in much good. We also have the "Institute Work" established, which we hope will prove a great blessing to our ministry and people. We all rejoice in the fact that our State Mission Board was relieved of its indebtedness when our Denominational debts were swept away by the liberality of our brotherhood, but our beloved Secretary calls for continued and increased contributions that we may do great things this year for the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. THOMAS, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Baptist host of God are marching forward under the great command to carry the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Jesus Christ has commanded; and one of the commands is Home Missions; and He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." In the attempt to obey them have been a great many embarrassments. The demoralizing effects of the late war, the low price of cotton, the severe winter, the floods and cyclones; yet we have realized the fulfillment of God's promise to be with us all the way, enabling us to do the most gratifying year's work of our history. Missionaries employed 653, 186 more than last year. Baptisms 6,552, 1,813 more than last year. Total additions to churches 12,983, 3,474 more than last year. Sunday Schools organized this year 512, with 14,768 teachers and pupils, an increase of 215 Sunday Schools and 7,058 teachers and pupils. The amount raised and expended on the field this year \$65,818, and increase of \$11,567; money expended on the field in building houses \$50,050, making a total raised and expended on the field \$115,869, increase of \$5,232. In the accomplishing of this work the Christian women have done nobly, having raised \$36,696 and done a great deal of missionary work at the cost of many self denials. We are but to put our lives in touch with that of the Son of God to fill the earth with the knowledge of His glory. To stimulate us in carrying out the command of our Lord and Master, your committee would recommend: 1st—The Bible plan of work, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." 2nd—The Bible plan of giving, (a) Let there be a willing mind (b) Then give as God has prospered—II Cor. 8:12; (c) Let this be regularly.—I Cor. 16:2.

Adjournment till 8 o'clock tonight to re-assemble to discuss the subject of Temperance. Benediction by Eld. J. T. Caine.

NIGHT SESSION.

Opening hymn No. 328. Prayer by Eld. J. T. Caine.

During the 15 minutes for Miscellaneous Business, Bro. W. K. Thomas moved that the Apportionment Committee be instructed to incorporate in their report that \$50.00 be apportioned to the Institute Work, said amount to be di-

vided among the different churches. Motion carried and committee so instructed. Brother Perkins moved that the Chair appoint a committee to confer with the South Bethel Association in regard to having an Institute within the bounds of the two associations. Motion carried and the Chair appointed W. K. Thomas, W. H. DeWitt and J. J. Pipkin to compose this committee:

Regular order of business then taken up, and report on Temperance submitted by Eld. J. M. Roden, and after being discussed by said brother, W. B. Jackson, G. S. Anderson, G. L. Sutton ("tooted his horn") and J. T. Caine, said report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance has spread its curse over this fair land of ours, and is today the cause of more misery than war, pestilence and famine.

Intoxicants are of two kinds: First--wine. The use of this is almost as old as the human race. It was well known in the days of Noah, and has been used in all ages by a majority of the human race. It is used as food, as a beverage, as a medicine, and also in religious rites; but as a beverage it becomes the destroyer of the human race, and the relentless enemy of God. The Bible condemns it as a beverage.

Whiskey was first used as a beverage in Scotland in the 17th century, but beer, barley and wine were used by Oriental people long before. Since that time its production has increased until its value now exceeds that of bread. It is now the scourge of mankind, both in the remorseless greed for money which its manufacture and trade in inspires, and in its destroying and debasing effect on human hopes, morals and life. It is the crime of this century. It is man's high-handed, blatant, lawless and remorseless enemy. As God's people we must stand against this enemy of God and man.

JAMES M. RODEN, Chairman.

Adjournment. Benediction by Eld. J. T. Caine.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED—That we, as an Association, and as members of the churches composing this body, are unalterably fixed in a determination to oppose any and all efforts to fasten the sale of intoxicating liquors upon our people, and that we and each of us pledged our sacred word and honor as christian men to report to the Grand Jury and use every other honorable effort in our power to prevent its use in our Associational bounds, and that we will not support any one who uses whiskey as an electioneering scheme.

W. B. JACKSON.

Regular order of business taken up and the following reports submitted and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was made our duty to look after the financial interest of Bro. P. C. Barkley, who was a beneficiary of this Association, and a student in Howard College. The pledges for this young man amounted to \$85.00, less than half of which were paid. Your committee deplores the lack of interest among our churches in this, the greatest of all our interests.

Bro. Barkley is, at this time, a student in Howard College, and we recommend him to the churches as worthy of their continued support. He has made commendable progress in his studies, his name appearing frequently on the honor roll, and has been exercising his gifts as a minister when opportunity was afforded him.

We have tried to hold two fifth Sunday meetings, but they were not successful in point of attendance, and it is deliberate conviction that the churches do not want them.

We were instructed to co-operate with the South Bethel Association in employing a colporter, but no satisfactory arrangement could be made, and no one was employed. We have, however, had Bro. W. H. DeWitt employed in doing some mission work at Goose Creek church, which was practically broken up by the Mormons. This work was greatly needed, and this brother has rendered faithful service; we therefore recommend that he be paid the sum of \$25.00 out of the money sent up for State Missions. This arrangement will, we are sure, be endorsed by the State Board of Missions.

We have on hand a fund of \$24.50, which belongs to this Association, and we recommend that this amount be appropriated to pay the debt on Sweetwater church.

JAMES M. RODEN, Chairman

RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS OF CHURCHES.

Your committee wish to say from external appearances, and general results of the past year's work as reported in the letters and by delegates, that there seems to be a famine of real, genuine spiritual life. Your committee feel that there are many causes for this deplorable condition of affairs. First—The churches have closed the back doors and opened wide the front ones, and the world, flesh and the devil has come in and almost taken charge of the churches. There is no discipline, and death always follows, and take the various plans for getting money for the Lord's cause, side shows, measuring parties, concerts, grab bags, and many other detestable things that gratifies the flesh, and always brings reproach upon the cause of Christ, and brings the children up with the devil's mark and brand upon them and it will follow them through life and be given to the next generation. Then take the average conner choir, with their big day Saloes (or Siloes) giving to the people the chopped up green feed that will kill old and lambs too, and besides brings divisions, discord, and sometimes devilry of every kind. Sometimes God's children are invited to take a back seat, and the leader of the ball room and bar room are given the place, with breath foul with whiskey. Now with this state of affairs can we be surprised when our churches come up and report about 42 baptisms and a few cents each for missions? Who is responsible for this state of affairs? I believe it belongs mostly upon the preachers, for they are watchmen upon the walls of Zion and should see the danger and warn the people and lead them in God's ways. Then and not 'til then will our churches come up to their duties as God's children.

J. B. PERKINS.

Your committee recommend that this Association raise forty dollars (\$40.00) to be paid to Sister Oakley when the fifty dollars (\$50.00) are paid by Sweetwater church. Said \$40.00 be placed in hand of W. K. Thomas to be paid as directed.

J. L. TUCKER, J. B. PERKINS, W. B. GLASS, Committee.

FINANCE.

State Missions.....	\$ 14 10	\$ 55 28	\$ 69 58
Home Missions.....	18 43	74 92	93 35
Foreign Missions.....	23 89	50 80	74 78
Ministerial Education.....	20 10	76 04	96 14
Orphans' Home.....	5 95	51 36	57 31
Associational purposes.....	1 36		11 36
Minutes.....	18 53		18 53
	<u>\$104 36</u>		
State Debt		266 38	266 38
Greensboro H.....		103 00	103 00
		<u>677 78</u>	
Cash and U.....		104 36	
		<u>\$782 14</u>	<u>782 14</u>

Institute Work, \$2 10.

J. B. PERKINS, W. B. GLASS, J. W. BUCK, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Institute Work.
Aimwell.....	\$ 15 00	\$	\$ 2 00
Bethel.....	40 00	5 00	5 00
Octagon.....	20 00	10 00	2 00
Beaver Creek.....	10 00	2 50	2 00
Canaan.....	10 00	.....	.....
Catherine.....	20 00	5 00	2 00
County Line.....	10 00	.....	1 00
Concord.....	70 00	20 00	10 50
Flat Woods.....	10 00	.....	1 00
Friendship.....	20 00	.....	.....
Hills.....	35 00	10 00	5 00
Judson.....	10 00	.....	.....
Linden.....	25 00	5 00	3 50
Myrtlewood.....	30 00	2 50	2 00
Nanafalia.....	45 00	10 00	3 00
Shiloh.....	20 00	.....	1 50
Spring Hill.....	5 00	.....	.....
Union Grove.....	5 00	.....	.....
Rehobeth.....	20 00	.....	1 50
Thomaston.....	25 00	5 09	2 00
Vincent.....	5 00	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	40 00	5 00	2 50
Lamison.....	10 00	5 00	2 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>	<u>\$85 00</u>	<u>\$50 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR COMMITTEE,

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage is in good condition, with about 70 inmates, without any debt except for current expenses, which they are very much in need of. They have had one death this year. The health has been very good, and we recommend that the churches send in their contributions as soon as they can and not wait for the Association to send it in, as Dr Steward will be very much embarrassed for funds for current expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. GLASS.

NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests report as follows ;

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Catherine church, beginning at 10 a. m. on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1900.

That Elder J. R. G. White preach the introductory sermon ; Elder J. J. Pipkin, Alternate. That Elder J. M. Roden preach the doctrinal sermon ; Elder J. Lee Tucker as Alternate.

That Elder W. H. DeWitt represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention ; Elder J. T. Caine, Alternate.

And we recommend that volunteers be called for to represent us in the Baptist State Convention.

COMMITTEE.

Brother J. B. Perkins moved to amend report of committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests by striking out Catherine and substituting McKinley. Amendment lost.

The standing committees to report at the next session are as follows :

Aged and Infirm Ministers—W. V. Vise, James Cammack, Kenny Arrington.

Bible and Colportage—J. T. Caine, A. R. Oxford, John Tucker.

Orphanage—J. E. Hecker, J. W. Buck, W. H. Westbrook.

Religious Literature—W. K. Thomas, G. J. Newton, P. B. Glass.

State Missions—J. R. G. White, W. V. Vice, Joe Lambert.

Home Missions—J. Lee Tucker, John Huckabee, L. J. Cook.

Foreign Missions—W. H. DeWitt, J. B. Williams, Frank Ray.

Ministerial Education—V. H. Caine, A. C. Thomas, A. G. Westbrook.

Temperance—G. W. Webb, W. B. Jackson, W. F. Setzler.

Sabbath Schools—J. J. Pipkin, E. H. Perry, S. P. Jackson.

A suggestion was made by Eld. J. J. Pipkin as follows :

Recommended—That the Executive Committee be empowered to employ a Colporteur for a part or all of his time, and that \$100 00 of the money raised for State Missions be used to pay on this work and that the balance needed be raised by the churches.

J. J. PIPKIN.

Moderator suggested that the roll of the churches be called and let the messengers indicate what each church would give to the support of said missionary. Motion to that effect made and carried, the subscription amounting to

\$102.50. A voluntary individual subscription was then taken, which amounted to \$76.00. Suggestion was then put in the form of a resolution and adopted.

Motion made and carried that the Treasurer's Report be had and minutes read immediately after preaching.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder W. H. DeWitt. Text—14th verse of the 17th chapter of Revelations.

Collection taken for Institute Work, as appointed on yesterday, \$50.00.

The Treasurer submitted his report as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER

From October 7th, 1898, to October 1st, 1899.

To amounts collected	State Missions.....	\$ 69 58
" "	Home Missions.....	93 35
" "	Foreign Missions.....	74 69
" "	Ministerial Education.....	86 14
" "	Orphans' Home.....	57 31
" "	Associational purposes.....	11 36
" "	Minutes.....	18 53
" "	Baptist debt.....	266 38
" "	Greensboro House.....	1 03
" "	Institute Work.....	52 00—\$730 37

CREDITS.

Minutes.....	\$ 18 53
Associational purposes.....	11 56
State Missions, Vouchers.....	55 28
" " Cash.....	14 10
Home Missions, Vouchers.....	74 92
" " Cash.....	18 43
Foreign " Vouchers.....	50 80
" " Cash.....	23 89
Ministerial Education, Vouchers.....	76 04
" " Cash.....	10 10
Orphans' Home, Vouchers.....	51 36
" " Cash.....	5 95
State Debt, Voucher.....	266 38
Greensboro House, Voucher.....	1 03
Institute Work, Cash.....	27 11
Pledges.....	24 89—\$730 37

Reading of minutes dispensed with.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved—That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Nanafalia church and community in general for their unbounded hospitality upon this occasion.

Adjournment. Song—"Blest be the Tie." Benediction by Eld. J. T. Caine.

D. J. MEADOR,

LAMAR MATKIN,

Clerk.

Moderator.

STATISTICS OF BETHEL ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	Membership last reported.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Pupils.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE.
Aimwell	Marengo	E. H. Perry	J. L. Mayton	Aimwell	170	179	82	W. H. Mayton	Aimwell.
Beaver Creek	"	Pastor resigned	E. F. Lee	McKinley	84	68	55	J. B. Perkins	McKinley.
Bethel	Marengo	H. C. Saunders	G. W. Barkley	Ocagon	70	56	30	Joe Lambert	Catherine.
Bethlehem	Wilcox	Wm. A. Parker	H. W. Arrington	Catherine	74	78	44	L. S. Strand	Safford.
Canada	"	J. M. Roden	Dr. J. M. Thomas	Safford	16	24	36	H. C. Rikard	Arlington.
Concord	Dallas	C. H. Morgan	W. T. Reeves	Arlington				A. C. Thomas	Rembert.
County Line	Wilcox	"	"	"				W. F. Westbrook	Jefferson.
Flatwoods	"	"	"	"				J. E. Hecker	Linden.
Friendship	Marengo	J. I. Pipkin	I. J. Cook	Rembert	34	36	64	J. B. Williams	Myrtlewood.
Hills	"	H. C. Saunders	J. W. Smith	Jefferson	30	39	38	W. H. Erwin	Rehoboth.
Jefferson	"	G. L. Sutton	Warren Etheredge	Sweetwater	40	45	28	J. W. Buck	Thomaston.
Judson	"	J. R. G. White	Amnar Matkin	Linden	31	23	13		
Linden	"	J. J. Pipkin	W. F. Johnson	Myrtlewood	124	127	31		
Myrtlewood	"	J. J. Pipkin	A. G. Westbrook	Myrtlewood	27	31	30		
Nanafalia	Wilcox	W. H. DeWitt	W. F. Ray	Nanafalia	127	131	35		
Nanafalia	"	W. H. DeWitt	O. P. Tucker	Rehoboth	21	21	65		
Rehoboth	Marengo	W. H. DeWitt	J. M. Clancy	Thomaston					
Shiloh	"	H. C. Saunders	"	"					
Thomaston	"	"	"	"					
Union Grove	"	"	"	"					
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